

# THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

WORLD'S FAIR—NOW OPEN—CLOSES DEC. 1.

NINETY-SEVENTH YEAR.

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## SEE WEDNESDAY'S REPUBLIC FOR MERCHANTS' MIDWEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STORM TIES UP ALL THE MARKETS EAST AND WEST

St. Louis and Chicago  
Unable to Procure New  
York Quotations Till  
Late in the Day.

TELEGRAPH STILL CRIPPLED.

Thousands of Poles Down in East  
and Days Will Elapse Before  
Lines Are Repaired.

HURRICANE REACHES CANADA.

After Sweeping New England  
Coast It Proceeds to Nova  
Scotia and Newfoundland.

St. Louis and Chicago markets were  
practically at a standstill yesterday  
through inability to communicate with  
New York and other commercial centers  
in the East, which were cut off by the  
storm.

It was nearly 1 o'clock, New York time,  
when the first message came through, and  
then the wire was so feeble that what  
little information came over it was almost  
worthless. Some Chicago brokers, despairing  
of obtaining telegraph service, even  
by to-day, made arrangements to send  
messages by rail to New York.

The Wall Street Exchange was almost  
"dead," being crippled worse than at any  
time since 1888. The only quotations were  
received from the outside world were car-  
ried by circuitous routes, often over tele-  
phone wires, by the Associated Press, and  
were several hours late.

The storm, which started off the Florida  
Coast Saturday and swept up the Atlantic  
coast, passed over the Maritime Provinces  
yesterday and last night was raging along  
the Newfoundland coast. Several craft  
were blown ashore, but all larger vessels  
had taken to sea on learning the  
weather bureau warnings.

Thousands of telegraph and telephone  
poles are down throughout the Atlantic  
seaboard, and it will be several days before  
anything like normal conditions are re-  
stored.

NEW YORK EXCHANGE  
ISOLATED FROM WEST.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—The New York Stock  
Exchange was completely isolated from  
Chicago and the West to-day, but it was  
apparent that the Chicago brokerage houses  
and traders were the sufferers. The storm  
of Sunday left New York with not a single  
wire connection up to nearly 1 o'clock,  
New York time. Hardly half a dozen  
quotations had been received in Chicago,  
then they came a few at a time and in-  
dicated a rather wild and irregular mar-  
ket.

Local houses were prevented from trading  
as well as from receiving quotations from  
the East.

Every effort to reach New York failed  
until almost noon. The local partners in  
the firm of Charles G. Gates & Co. re-  
ceived a message from New York via To-  
kio cable, but it contained merely the  
information that stocks were higher and  
the tendency strong.

Other houses made arrangements to  
send messages on the Twentieth Century  
limited at 12:30, which would land them in  
New York to-morrow morning. The mes-  
sengers carried orders for execution in the  
event of failure to get wire connection  
with Chicago before 10 o'clock to-morrow  
morning. S. B. Chapin & Co. sent one of  
their clerks with a number of orders.

GENERAL TIE-UP  
THROUGHOUT EAST.

New York, Nov. 14.—The storm along  
the Atlantic has resulted in the most com-  
plete tie-up of wire communication that the  
Eastern States have experienced since the  
memorable snowstorm of 1888. Dis-  
arranged train schedules, paralyzed trolley  
lines and piled several wrecks along the  
coast.

A downpour of rain and heavy snow  
which accompanied the storm added to the  
destructive force of the gale. The tele-  
phone and telegraph poles, borne  
down by the weight of snow and ice-  
encrusted wires, gave way before the  
sweep of the wind, and whole sections  
were cut off. Both the telegraph and the  
telephone companies with long-distance  
wires to-day reported their operations re-  
stricted to the territory on the west by  
Philadelphia, on the east by Boston and  
north by Newburg.

The big brokerage concerns in Wall  
street, many of whom under normal con-  
ditions operate thousands of miles of wire,  
to-day found themselves practically help-  
less. The exchanges were no more fortu-  
nate, and the only quotations received  
from Chicago and New Orleans were the  
market reports of the Associated Press.  
These quotations brought over the Asso-  
ciated Press wires were the only figures  
obtained in this city from the cotton and  
grain centers of the South and West.

By an elaborate system of relays and  
the use of both telephone and telegraph  
wires the Associated Press succeeded in  
bridging the path between the East  
and West, and reached all  
points West, North and East, with the  
exception of a small section in the vicinity  
of Albany. There the damage from the  
snow and wind seemed beyond immediate  
repair, and, with the exception of trains,  
there was no communication with that  
section during the day.

The greatest velocity of the wind is re-  
ported from Newport, R. I., where it blew  
eighty to eighty-five miles an hour.  
In many sections of Vermont snow fell  
to a depth of 15 inches.

### DRIVEN TO BAY AFTER SHOOTING A PIKE SHOWMAN.

Angry Orientals, Police, Jefferson Guards and World's Fair Vis-  
itors Surround Watchman Laws, Who Seriously Wounds Fer-  
nand Akoun, Brother of the Proprietor of "Mysterious Asia"  
—Brandishes His Revolver—Bookkeeper Also Arrested.



FERNAND AKOUN,  
Who was shot yesterday at "Mysterious  
Asia," on the Pike.

Fernand Akoun, brother of Gaston  
Akoun, the proprietor of Mysterious Asia,  
on the Pike at the World's Fair, was shot  
in the face by Alfred C. Laws, a watch-  
man, yesterday afternoon, in front of the  
Turkish Theater. Akoun is in the Emer-  
gency Hospital at the Exposition in a critical  
condition, and Laws and John T. Corliss,  
bookkeeper of Mysterious Asia, are under  
arrest at the World's Fair police station.

After the shooting Laws ran out through  
the west exit from Asia into the Pike and  
headed for the Pike entrance to the Ex-  
position grounds.

Half a dozen Jefferson Guards, as many  
city policemen, a jabbering mob of Ori-  
entals from the booths in Asia and 500  
Fair visitors were in pursuit. Sergeant  
Fred Armstrong of the St. Louis police  
force was in the lead and shouted to the  
gatekeepers to allow no one to leave the  
grounds, and Laws was driven to bay by  
the mob just at the gate and by the cor-  
ner of the Haginback animal show. He  
was still flourishing his revolver above  
his head when Sergeant Armstrong placed  
him under arrest. Corliss was arrested in  
the concession immediately after the  
shooting.

For two hours after the report of the  
revolver started the crowded east end of  
the Pike, dancing girls, camel drivers,  
stereographers and all of the types of East-  
ern rascals were in confusion, and crying  
women and angry men jabbered and ges-  
ticulated, and it was difficult to ascertain  
what caused the trouble.

The most complete details are given by  
Ed H. Robinson, the press representative  
of Mysterious Asia, who was an eye-  
witness and who was in his office the greater  
part of the afternoon.

THREATENS WOMAN.

Mr. Robinson said last night: "I was  
sitting at my desk in my office, which is  
just west of and adjoining the office of Mr.  
Corliss, the treasurer of Mysterious Asia,  
at 12:30 yesterday afternoon. The door be-  
tween was open and I heard Madame  
Akoun, the mother of Fernand and Gaston  
Akoun, enter the office of Corliss. She  
keeps one of the stores in the concession.  
She asked Corliss that a stove be put up  
in one of the theaters, as the dancing girls  
were complaining of the cold. Corliss  
said he would see to it, and she said she  
would see to it. I remember, 'Get out of here, or  
I will shoot you.'"

"I went into his office then, and he had  
in his hand a gun, and Mrs. Akoun was  
in tears. I took Mrs. Akoun out and ad-  
vised her to stay away from Corliss. I  
told her to go to her room and to get away  
from the grounds and avoid any further  
trouble and shortly after he left with  
his wife and Al Laws, who was em-  
ployed as a watchman at the concession.

"Corliss and Laws were gone about an  
hour and returned together shortly after  
5 o'clock. Meanwhile, Fernand Akoun  
came into my office and said that he had  
heard that Corliss had threatened to shoot  
his mother and had threatened to shoot  
him and had threatened to shoot her.

"He was very much wrought up, but I  
counseled coolness and he left the office  
whistling. He only went a short distance,  
however, and came back and said to me:  
'Robinson, I cannot stand that any longer.'  
He went out and I followed him. Corliss  
and Laws were standing beside a camel  
in front of the Turkish Theater. Akoun  
approached them, and, addressing Corliss,  
said:

"I understand that you threatened to  
shoot my mother this afternoon."

"You are only a boy and we don't pay  
attention to anybody like you," replied  
Corliss.

SHOOT WITHOUT WARNING.

"Laws pulled a revolver from his right-  
hand overcoat pocket and shot at Akoun,  
discharging the weapon as he pulled it in-  
to position. The bullet went upward and  
struck Akoun in the left jaw, penetrating  
to a spot just over his left ear. Laws  
had not spoken a word nor was a word ad-  
dressed to him by either Corliss or Akoun.  
Laws turned to the west and fired again,  
but the shot did not take any effect. Said  
Ragar, a camel driver, was standing by  
and when the shooting began he attempted  
to seize Laws.

"Laws tried to shoot again, but the gun  
would not work, and he struck the camel  
driver with the butt of the weapon, cut-  
ting his mouth and knocking out a can-  
nel tooth. Laws then ran out of the west exit  
Akoun fell backward, bleeding. Corliss  
was arrested at once by two St. Louis po-  
lice, and I followed Laws. Captain Con-  
rad of the Jefferson Guard was here after  
the shooting, and opened Corliss's desk  
and found the gun with which he had  
threatened Mrs. Akoun when I was in  
the office. Corliss is a bookkeeper con-  
nected with the business office, and Laws  
has been a watchman ever since the open-  
ing of the Fair."

Mrs. Blanche Akoun, mother of Fernand  
Akoun, and Gaston Akoun, was in a hyster-  
ical condition in her living apartment  
in the rear of the theater. She said: "I  
went in to see Mr. Corliss to ask him  
to have a stove put in the theater because  
the girls said it was too cold to work.



ALFRED C. LAWS,  
Watchman in "Mysterious Asia," who  
shot Akoun.

He ordered me out of the office and threat-  
ened to shoot me."

Princess Rajah, the dancing beauty, was  
dressing when she heard the shot and,  
looking out of the window which over-  
looked the scene, saw what had happened.

She said: "During the afternoon I heard  
Corliss, in conversation with one of the  
gatekeepers, say that he intended to shoot  
somebody before night, and I was afraid  
when I saw him and Laws start out to-  
gether. We have been afraid of Laws for  
a long time and he has made us a lot of  
trouble."

SAY HE CAUSED TROUBLE.

Many of the employees of the show said  
that when Corliss and Laws came in to-  
gether in the afternoon, Corliss discharged  
his revolver twice against the brick wall  
of a building, and said then that he was  
looking for somebody.

When Laws was arrested near the Pike  
entrance he was still carrying his revolver,  
and it is said that he was threatening  
to shoot somebody. The weapon was a  
38-caliber revolver, and two cartridges had  
been fired.

The ambulance was summoned and  
Akoun was taken to the Emergency Hospi-  
tal. Doctor Moore operated after using  
the X-ray machine. The bullet, after enter-  
ing the right jaw, ranged upward to a  
point above the right ear, and was re-  
moved without difficulty.

Doctor Moore stated late last night that  
the wound was not necessarily dangerous.  
Laws and Corliss were taken to the  
World's Fair police station and locked up.  
A charge of discharging firearms was  
placed against Corliss. He was discharged  
at 11 o'clock last night on a bond signed  
by James C. Hanley of No. 416 Maryland  
avenue. He lives at No. 3726 Olive street.

Laws was kept in custody pending the  
result of Akoun's wounds, and no charge  
as yet has been formally made.

He is 27 years old, and came to St.  
Louis from some town in Southeastern  
Missouri.

Fernand Akoun, who is connected with  
the management of the concession, is only  
19 years old, and is very popular with all  
of the people in Mysterious Asia. His  
mother and three sisters are living in St.  
Louis for the World's Fair season. His  
brother, Gaston Akoun, is in Chicago on  
business, and had not learned of the shoot-  
ing last night.

COMMITTEE GOES TO COLON.

To Inspect the Location of Pan-  
ama Canal.

New York, Nov. 14.—The Congressional  
Committee, headed by Congressman W. B.  
Hepburn as chairman, which was ap-  
pointed to inspect the location of the  
Panama Canal, sailed to-day for the United  
States transport Sumner for Colon.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri and Illinois—Fair and  
warmer Tuesday, Wednesday, fair.

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1. Storm Ties Up Markets.

Francis Airship Makes Initial Test.

Pike Show Official Shot.

Fairbanks Arrives To-day.

Russia to Fight to Bitter End.

Pope Sends Pallium to Giennon.

Walbridge Is Out for Niedergraus.

Would Make Case Against Butlers.

New State Senate Has Its Troubles.

Says the Church Needs Reformation.

Would Establish Industrial Court.

Brooklyn Observes To-day at the Fair.

Four Hundred and Three Pound

Squash Exhibited by Canada.

Sick Woman a Heroine.

Editorial.

Society News.

Transit Suits Are Still Tried.

Funeral Notices.

Football—Pugilism—Racing.

Zinc Advances Again.

New Shoe Factory on Locust Street.

Real Estate Transfers.

The Republic "Want" Advertisements.

Birth, Marriage and Death Records.

New Corporations.

Rooms for Rent Ads.

Live-Stock Market.

Financial News.

Summary of St. Louis Markets.

### MONSTER AIRSHIP HAS INITIAL TEST IN CAPTIVE FLIGHT

M. Francois States After  
15-Minute Trial Test  
Dirigibility of Craft  
Has Been Proven.

THE LARGEST EVER BUILT.

Record Crowd Drawn to Aero-  
drome by Announcement of  
Long-Delayed Ascension.

ONE OF PROPELLERS DAMAGED

Wisdom of Holding Ship by Cable  
Shown When One of the  
Blades Strikes a Brace and  
Becomes Disabled.

In the presence of a great crowd that  
thronged the Aerodrome Concourse yester-  
day afternoon, the Francois airship made  
a trial flight. The ascension was a  
captive one, and the monster airship did  
not fly very high, nor fast, nor far. The  
motor of the ship worked perfectly, and,  
while M. Francois declared after the flight  
that the dirigibility of the balloon had  
been proven beyond all doubt, it was not  
clear to the spectators whether the steer-  
ing of the vessel in the air was due to  
the machinery or the ropes in the hands  
of those on the ground.

The flight lacked all of the sensational  
and interesting features and evolutions of  
the little Baldwin airship. Its great size,  
attention to detail and generally im-  
pressive appearance had keyed up the  
thousands of spectators to a great degree  
of expectancy, and they were disappointed  
that it was not permitted to soar the  
skies without the restraining ropes that secured  
it to earth.

The inventor of the ship stated that the  
ascension was merely a trial flight to test  
the working of all parts of the mechan-  
ism, the lifting power of the balloon and  
the behavior of the balloon and ship in  
every particular. While he was satisfied  
with the result of the trial, the ship met  
with a slight accident to one of its pro-  
pellers in midair, which justified the wis-  
dom of the preliminary trial.

RECORD CROWD IN CONCOURSE.

Popular interest in the largest airship in  
the world and speculation as to what it  
was capable of doing in the air induced  
the biggest crowd that has ever entered  
the aerodrome to be on hand for the  
flight. They came early and stayed  
long after the ship came to earth. There  
was the usual gallery audience clinging to  
the lattice work of the high fence, the  
cross-arms of telegraph and telephone  
poles and the roofs of adjoining buildings,  
and they whirled away the time during the  
long wait before the airship was led out  
into the open with cries of "Play ball!"  
"Get off the earth!" "Let 'er go!" and  
similar encouraging bits of advice.

It was nearly 3 o'clock before the aerial  
mastodon was led out into the open field  
from the Aerodrome, for up to the time  
that the great sliding door on the west  
end of the barn was rolled back the crew  
of the ship had been tinkering with the  
machinery and adjusting the cables that  
held the car suspended to the balloon.  
When the door was rolled back and the  
great bag was led out, bobbing and sway-  
ing in a lazy way, with its car trailing  
underneath in the trench dug for it, the  
vast crowd broke out into a roar of an-  
ticipatory cheers.

The ship was led out backwards through  
the ways, the crowd straining at the  
ropes that barred it from the western  
half of the inclosure. When the car had  
been lifted out of the trench, the balloon  
was backed up to a point considerably  
west of the barn and the frame set rest-  
ing lightly on the ground. Many volun-  
teers were holding to the drag ropes.

PRIVILEGED CROWD INSIDE.

M. Francois and his engineer and crew  
adjusted the propellers, which could not  
be done in the Aerodrome because of the  
limited space. The privileged crowd in-  
side the ropes, composed of members of  
the Board of Lady Managers, Exposition  
officials and distinguished guests, crowded  
around the idle monster for a nearer view  
and for another forty-five minutes the  
work of preparation went on. H. F. Mc-  
Garvie, Chief of Special Exploitation, un-  
der which department the balloon ascen-  
sions are made, was on hand to see that  
everything needed was produced.

At the bow of the ship floated a large  
American flag. The French tri-color  
flapped at the stern. The ship looked fit  
and the crowd was expectant. At length  
the motor had been tested, the propellers  
adjusted and the drag ropes hauled in.  
Ballast was distributed on the floor of the  
platform and an immense cable attached  
to the rear of the frame, with a shorter  
one at the prow.

Everything was ready and Francois and  
Henri Schneider, his engineer mounted the  
frame and took stations for the trip.  
Francois stood forward and inspected the  
ship. The engineer stood with his hand  
on the lever, ready for the start.

"Allez," said Count de la Vaulx, who  
acted as master-of-ceremonies, and at the  
signal all hands let go and the monster  
rose slowly from the ground at exactly  
3:43 o'clock. Rising slowly and straight  
up, with the crowd hanging on for dear  
life to the cables, the great ship reached  
a height of 100 feet. The propellers  
were started.

Slowly, it seemed, but with the motor  
working perfectly and the great propellers  
never missing a stroke save when the en-  
gineer threw the lever that slowed or  
stopped the ship.

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### FRANCOIS'S BIG AIRSHIP APPEARS.



FRENCH CRAFT COMING OUT OF THE AERODROME FOR ITS INITIAL  
TEST YESTERDAY AT THE FAIR.

### ISIDORE RUSH DROWNED IN SURF

Attack of Heart-Failure Seizes  
Actress While She Is Bathing  
at San Diego.



ISIDORE RUSH,  
Who was attacked by heart disease while  
bathing in the ocean at San Diego, Cal.,  
yesterday, and drowned before assis-  
tance reached her.

San Diego, Cal., Nov. 14.—Miss Isidore  
Rush, leading lady of the "Glittering Glo-  
ria" company, which was to have begun  
an engagement here to-night, drowned to-  
day while bathing in the surf near this  
city, death being due to the shock caused  
when an immense wave caught her and  
carried her into deep water.

Half a dozen members of the company  
were at the time in the surf, which was  
unusually high, when a spectator noticed  
the struggles of Miss Rush.  
Assistance was at once hurried to her,  
but she was unconscious when brought to  
shore. Physicians were called and every  
means possible used to revive the unfor-  
tunate woman.

At 3 o'clock, an hour after the occur-  
rence, no sign of life had rewarded their  
efforts, and the physicians offered little  
hope for her recovery. It is thought she  
was dead when brought to shore.

### FAIRBANKS ARRIVES THIS MORNING

Vice President Elect Will Be En-  
tertained at the Fair  
To-day.

Vice President Elect Charles W. Fair-  
banks will arrive in St. Louis this morn-  
ing at 7:30 o'clock over the Vandalla line.

President Francis last yesterday after-  
noon received a long-distance telephone  
message from Mr. Fairbanks, in which he  
informed him that he would arrive this  
morning for his visit to the World's Fair.

The Vice President-elect will be met at  
the Union Station by President Francis,  
and they will breakfast either at the  
St. Louis Club or the Francis residence.

At 10 o'clock they will go to President  
Francis's office in the Administration  
building, where Mr. Fairbanks will meet  
the directors and officials of the Ex-  
position.

The various exhibit palaces will later  
be visited in turn. Luncheon will be  
served in the West Pavilion at 1 p. m.

A visit to the Aerodrome will be  
made about 3 o'clock, and M. Hippolyte  
Francois may make an ascension while  
the party is present.

A tour of the Philippines will then be  
made and the Indiana building will be  
visited, if time permits.

In talking to President Francis yester-  
day Mr. Fairbanks stated that he was  
feeling exceedingly well and considered  
himself able to walk twenty-four hours if  
necessary.

A banquet in honor of the Vice Presi-  
dent-elect will probably be arranged for  
this evening. The departing time of Sena-  
tor Fairbanks, at which there were  
present President Francis, Secretary Al-  
len V. Cockrell of the Committee on Cer-  
emonies; R. Diaz Albertini, Secretary of  
the Committee on Reception and Entertain-  
ment; Edmund Rice, Marshal; Judge  
Franklin Ferriss and Secretary W. B.  
Stevens.

The long-distance message was received  
while the arrangements for President's  
visit were under discussion, and the sub-  
ject at once turned to the entertainment  
of the latest distinguished guest.

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

VICE PRESIDENT ELECT AND  
BROOKLYN DAY.

SPECIAL EVENTS.

MORNING.

9:00—Special exhibition of Burns manuscripts,  
Burns Cottage.

9:30—Vice President elect Charles W. Fair-  
banks meets Exposition directors, Presi-  
dent Francis's office.

10:00—Vice President elect Charles W. Fair-  
banks visits exhibit palaces, beginning  
at Palace of Transportation.

11:00—Liberty Bell Committee guests of Philip-  
pine Commission.

Brooklyn Day exercises, New York City  
building.

Reception to Miss Helen Gould, Woman's  
Anchorage.

AFTERNOON.

1:00, 3:30, 7:30—Barn War, special to-day at 1:00,  
musical drill by Philippine Constabulary.

1:30—Brooklyn Day luncheon, New York City  
building.

Special exhibition of Burns manuscripts,  
Burns Cottage.

1:30—Amateur theatricals, French National  
Pavilion.

2:00—Reception to celebrate the fifteenth anni-  
versary, Brazil's Independence, Bra-  
zilian Pavilion.

Airship flight, weather permitting, Aero-  
drome Concourse.

2:30—Football, St. Louis University vs. Mc-  
Kenzie College, St. Louis building.

2:50—Vice President elect Charles W. Fair-  
banks visits Aerodrome Concourse.

Liquidation of air, low-temperature re-  
search pavilion.

4:00—Vice President elect Charles W. Fair-  
banks visits Philippines.

EVENING.

7:30—American and loan section, Art Palace,  
open.

8:00—Brooklyn Day reception, New York City  
building.

Night drill, seacoast guns, Government  
Hall.

REGULAR EVENTS.

MORNING.

8:30—Grounds open.

8:45 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.—Free guides leave sta-  
tions within Jerusalem every 15 minutes.

9:30—Feeding birds and game, Missouri outdoor  
exhibit.

9:30—Feeding beavers, Palace of Forestry, Fish  
and Game.

Exhibit palaces open.

10:00—Vice President elect Charles W. Fair-  
banks visits exhibit palaces, beginning  
at Palace of Transportation.

10:30—Feeding seals, Government Fisheries  
building.

Queen's Jubilee presents on view, Oce-  
anarium building.

Headquarters, Government building.

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